

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
APRIL 28, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on April 28, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dale Macheel at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, and Bill Muche. Members not present/excused: Ed Nelson.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Conservation Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; and Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Others Present: Bill Foley, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association (BDLIA); Kathy Rydquist and Kurt Heckl, Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District; Dr. E. Ohsay, M.D., Fox Lake Preservation Association;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Kriewald to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting as sent by mail; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Dr. E. Ohsay, M.D. representing herself and the Fox Lake Preservation Association introduced herself to the committee, and indicated that she was attending the meeting to observe and learn. Kathy Rydquist of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District expressed her thanks for recent efforts by the Land Conservation Department to speak up for the protection of Fox Lake from the potential future expansion of farming operations by the Waupun and Fox Lake Prison Farms. Kathy and Kurt Heckl both spoke in support of additional local actions they feel are needed to protect Dodge County's land and water resources. Bill Foley informed the committee that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has approved the BDLIA's application for a lake planning grant. An environmental consultant has been hired to help prepare the lake management plan, and they hope to complete the plan by September, 2015.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF 2014 SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SWRM) GRANT CONTRACT: The committee reviewed the 2014 SWRM Grant Contract as prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The 2014 grant includes a \$2,392

increase as compared to the 2013 grant for staff and certain operating costs. Motion by MaryAnn Miller to approve the 2014 SWRM grant as presented, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

CONSIDER DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST TO SIGN SWRM COST-SHARE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS: Marc Bethke explained that, according to Wisconsin Administrative Rule ATCP 50, the SWRM cost share program is to be over-seen by a county Land Conservation Committee. Because day-to-day administrative work for the program, including preparation and signing of cost-share agreements, cost-share payments to landowners, and reimbursement requests to the Wisconsin DATCP is typically performed by Land Conservation Department staff, the state is requiring that Land Conservation Committees officially delegate the authority to prepare and sign SWRM cost-share program documents to someone in each Land Conservation Department. Motion by Miller to delegate Dodge County Land Conservation Committee authority to prepare and sign SWRM cost-share program documents to the Dodge County Land Conservation Department County Conservationist, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT: John Bohonek presented a report on the status of projects under the Dodge County Manure Storage Ordinance (see attached report).

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the March 11, 2014 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. Plans continue to be made to undertake a navigation improvement project in the northern reaches of Lake Sinissippi, with project costs estimated to range between \$1.3 million and \$3.3 million. Jim reported attending a one day training for new lake district commissioners at the recently held conference of the Wisconsin Lakes Association. Jim informed the committee that the next meeting of the Dodge County Lakes Group will feature a question and answer session with state legislators John Jagler, Mark Born, and Keith Ripp. Jim encouraged other committee members to attend.

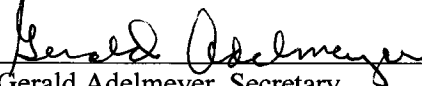
CORRESPONDENCE: Copies of the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members. The Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association is planning to schedule its spring reorganizational meeting in early June. Finally, a recent DNR email indicated that another infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer has been found, this time in the Town of Lomira.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Miller, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:30 AM; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Dale Macheel, Vice-Chair


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Marc Bethke - March Expenses =	\$ 92.38
John Bohonek - March Expenses =	\$ 59.15
Office Max - Office Supplies =	<u>\$ 45.79</u>
TOTAL =	\$ 197.32

(REVENUE)

Brunn Dairy Farm, LCC - Manure Storage Ordinances Permit Fee (Transfer Tank) =	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
TOTAL =	\$ 400.00

APRIL ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT

Dustin Brunn(Trenton) – design completed. Project starting soon.

Ryan Kittel(Burnett) – working on transfer design.

Andy Schraufnagel(Leroy) – looking for transfer system.

Steve Ries(Lomira) – Considering additional storage.

Dale Redlin(Ashippun) – wants transfer system.

Ken Gault(Rubicon) – Updating existing storage. Equip.

Mike Pamperin(Herman) – wants storage and transfer. Equip.

Mark Mueller(Lomira) – wants storage. Equip.

Gary Wiepking(Lomira) – wants temp. storage.

Kooiker Calves(Fox Lake) – wants storage. WPDES.

APRIL 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Photo and field identification of conservation practice needs in Towns of Fox Lake, Trenton, Leroy and Lomira for future “cold call” outreach efforts, or for landowner contacts related to future pollutant trading efforts
- Prepared maps for staff use in 2014 Farmland Preservation Program status review work related to farmstead/manure management performance standards
- Attended Brownsville well contamination informational meeting on April 3, 2014 – have assisted several impacted homeowners in various ways – waiting for the final investigation report from the DNR
- Began to map out “known or suspected” sinkholes in Dodge County for future reference
- Used last two days of available vacation before employment anniversary date of April 18th
- Various Tree Sales Program Administrative work – will be distributing trees on May 1st and 2nd at the Dodge County Fairgrounds